GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4293
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2002
SLASHING OF SAFETY BUDGET BY WCL
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Western Coalfields Limited has slashed its safety budget recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether all the recommendations made by the mines safety and various inquiry commissions have been implemented by WCL in its coal mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a): The safety budget of Western Coalfields Limited has not been slashed. Approved budget (both capital and revenue) in respect of safety and rescue of WCL for the year 2002-2003 and 2001-2002 are as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Safety		Rescue	
	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02
Capital	425.70	226.90	298.58	123.10
Revenue	6000.00	4000.00	320.00	201.07

(b): Does not arise in view of reply given to part (a)above.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The recommendations made by mines safety and various inquiry commission has been implemented by WCL in their coal mines. Details are given in Annexure-I and II.

(e): Does not arise in view of reply given to part (c) & (d) above.